

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1399 – SB 1612

March 25, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Declares that the Tennessee General Assembly occupies the entire field of regulation of firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms and ammunition, thus prohibiting regulation by local government entities.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015309): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Declares that the intent of the Tennessee General Assembly is to preempt the entire field of regulation of firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms and ammunition, or combinations thereof, thus prohibiting regulation by local government entities, with certain specified exceptions. Authorizes local government entities to regulate firearms, ammunition, and combinations thereof, when related to firearms carried by employees or independent contractors when acting in the course and scope of their employment or contract; when related to the certain instances of discharging firearms occurring within the boundaries of the applicable local entity; and when related to the enforcement of any state or federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Tennessee General Assembly elects to exercise the stated intent to preempt the entire field of regulation of firearms, ammunition, and combinations thereof.
- Based on information provided by the County Technical Assistance Service, the Department of Safety, the Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, for the original bill, the fiscal impact for the bill as amended is estimated to be not significant.

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- Adding exceptions to the original bill for which local government entities may regulate firearms, ammunition, or combinations thereof, is not expected to change the fiscal impact that was estimated for the original bill.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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